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TROOPS IN PURSUIT

PHILIPPINE MUTINEERS NOW HIDING IN MOUNTAINS.

Several Columns of Soldiers, Both Regular and Constabulary, Are Already in Field Bent on Capturing Detachment of Runaways.

Brig. Gen. Harry H. Bandholtz, chief of the Philippine constabulary, who at present is on a tour of inspection on the island of Jolo, will at once proceed to Davao, Mindanao island, the scene of the mutiny of the Second company of constabulary on June 6, news of which reached Manila Sunday. Brig. Gen. Bandholtz will assume personal command of the constabulary forces sent in pursuit of the mutineers. The insular government is determined to make an example of the mutinous Visayans who fled to the mountain fastnesses in the interior with their rifles and equipments, and the pursuit will be pressed with the utmost vigor until the last of the mutineers have been captured. Several columns of troops, both regular and constabulary, already are in the field.

Acting Gov. Gen. Forbes, who returned Monday from the province of Pampanga and was soon in conference with Maj. Gen. William J. Du Vall, commanding the division of the Philippines, said:

"This affair, deplorable as it seems to have been, has not changed my opinion of the native constabulary nor my belief in the general excellency and loyalty of the force. Judgment must be reserved until we receive further details of the mutiny and the causes that brought it about."

No additional details of the mutiny and of the three hours' fight made by Gov. Walker and the Americans in the church at Davao have been received here. No telegraph connects with Davao. The only communication is by steamer from Zamboanga, a naval station on the extreme southwestern point of Mindanao, or from Malabang. There is no indication of any extensive military plans aside from the ordering of several detachments to follow the mutineers.

75 TO 100 ARE DEAD.

Injured List Is As Large In French Earthquake.

From 75 to 100 dead and 100 injured is Saturday's estimated total casualties as the result of the earthquake which devastated several small towns and villages in the southernmost part of France, particularly in the departments of Herault and Bouches du Rhone.

Great suffering is reported from the remote places, owing to a lack of bread and the necessities of life before the arrival of aid. The casualties may be greatly increased, as the ruins have not yet been entirely searched. The village of St. Cannat and Rognez were completely demolished by the earthquake, and Lambesc, which is twelve miles from Aix, suffered heavily. According to advices received here a number of wounded are still imprisoned in the ruins and soldiers are working desperately to rescue them.

Survivors are sleeping in tents and the streets are impassable. In many places they have been torn up and are incumbered by masses of rock. Houses, public office buildings and churches were crumbled to pieces. Among other villages seriously damaged are Varneque, Venilles, Palissanne, Puy Ste. Reparde and Argulles.

The victims at St. Cannat and Rognez were horribly mutilated. There were evidences that several of the victims had lived for hours imprisoned by the debris before they died. The people rushed into the streets when the first shock occurred, crying out in terror. Many of them returned to the rescue of their families.

Porto Rican Bakers Striks.
The bakers' union of Mayaguez, which is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, has gone out on a strike. The men demand an increase of wages and that Sunday be a day of rest. The bakeries have organized a co-operative shop in order to supply the trade with bread.

Lightning Hits a Steeple.
Lightning struck the steeple of the Holy Cross Catholic church at Bay settlement, north of Green Bay, Wis., Sunday, killing one man and shocking and injuring sixteen others, two of whom may not survive, while mass was being sung.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.
Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Bees, \$5.75 @ 7.00. Top hogs, \$7.55.

Rowboat Overturns.
Three men were drowned Sunday by the overturning of a rowboat on Creve Coeur lake, a resort twenty-five miles west of St. Louis. The corpses have not been identified.

Excited Over a Gas Flow.
Wayne county, O., is excited over a flow of natural gas running 3,000,000 feet per day by gauge, which has been struck on a farm ten miles west of Wooster.

HONOR FOR WRIGHTS.

Brothers Center of Interest at White House.

The appreciation, good will and congratulations of the American people were extended to Wilbur and Orville Wright, the American aviators, by the president of the United States Friday. The occasion was the presentation of the gold medals awarded to the Wright brothers by the Aero Club of America to commemorate the conquest of the air. In the presence of distinguished statesmen, foreign diplomats, members of the cabinet, noted scientists and prominent aeronauts and aviators the two inventors of the first successful flying machine heavier than air received the public recognition of their achievements from their fellow countrymen. President Taft in handing the medals to the brothers expressed keen admiration for their work and ventured the belief that their flying machine will be the basis of the future aerial craft and made the prophecy that the dawn of the age of flight is here.

The Wrights were introduced to the president by Representative Herbert Parsons, of New York, who paid a glowing tribute to their personal qualifications. A. Holland Forbes, winner of the national balloon race and acting president of the Aero Club of America, turned the medals over to the president on behalf of the Aero club.

Miss Katherine Wright, sister of the aeronauts, accompanied them here and was quite as much lionized. After President Taft had congratulated the brothers individually he turned to Miss Wright and said:

"And I want to congratulate the most important member of the family."

Preceding the meeting at the White House a luncheon was given at the Cosmos club to the Wrights and the visiting members of the Aero Club of America by the Aero club of Washington.

The day was one of celebration in honor of the Wrights from the time they arrived early in the morning until 7 o'clock Friday night, when they left for Dayton.

HUNDREDS IN GREAT PERIL.

Steamer Meets with Accident Near New York.

The Spanish steamer Antonio Lopez, with 526 passengers and a crew of 135 men, grounded on Fire Island near New York City Wednesday night and lay on the beach all night, pounded by heavy seas. Rockets sent up for assistance warned the summer life saving crew at Point o' Woods life saving station, but they could do nothing until daylight. Early Thursday wrecking tugs reached the stranded steamer, a lifeboat was launched through the surf and the work of transferring the women and children passengers to the wrecking tugs was begun. The sea was still too high to permit the passengers to be landed. The steamer appeared to be undamaged and in no immediate danger, as the sea was subsiding. Most of the passengers were from Italian and Spanish ports, including Naples, Genoa and Cadiz, and they were bound for Vera Cruz, Mexico, to which port the steamer intended to proceed after touching at New York.

MAIL CAR IS ROBBED.

Believed Pouch Contained Five Thousand Dollars.

A discarded and empty registered mail pouch, the contents of which it is believed were valued at more than \$5,000 in jewelry and currency, was found Thursday by officers and United States agents searching for the thieves who stole it Wednesday night from an Illinois Central train as it stood at the station at Champaign, Ill. The loss was not discovered until the train had departed. The sack taken was a through pouch from Chicago to St. Louis.

Races with Waterspout.

Union Pacific westbound train No. 31, the China and Japan fast mail, raced for four miles with a waterspout near Paxton, Neb., and narrowly escaped being wrecked. The train barely missed the course of the deluge, which tore out a section of track a few seconds after the train had passed over it.

Fears Whip; Dies in Agony.

After accidentally shooting himself in the hands with a toy blank pistol in an ante-Fourth of July celebration two weeks before and not telling his parents because he feared a whipping, Sidney N. Neeland, 12 years old, died at Joplin, Mo., Thursday night from tetanus after suffering intense agony.

Yokohama to Celebrate.

The celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the port of Yokohama, Japan to foreign commerce will be held July 1 and 2 this year. The foreign squadrons in the Pacific and the far east will be invited to the harbor during the celebration.

Quiet Life for Castro.

Ex-President Castro, of Venezuela, and his wife are living quietly in a villa near Santander, Spain. There is no evidence that he is planning to assist financially a rumored filibustering expedition.

Ryan Succeeds Rogers.

John D. Ryan was Thursday elected president of the Amalgamated Copper company to succeed the late Henry H. Rogers.

MURDER ON A RANCH.

Two Men Found in a Well Near Kadoka, S. D.

The bodies of two men were found in a well on the Artie McNally ranch, two miles north of Kadoka, S. D., Friday morning. Mr. McNally had occasion to visit the well for water and made the discovery. The bodies proved to be those of two men who had been running a breaking outfit, J. Golder, of Rock Valley, Ia., or Rock Rapids, Ia., and W. D. Toney, 1617 Hamilton street, Sioux City. They and a man who went by the name of Mike Maloney shipped a car of horses and machinery from Chamberlain on May 18 and started breaking a few days later for Artie McNally on his claim north of town. Golder and Toney seem to be partners, and Maloney was working for them. Maloney came to town on Thursday, May 27, and said he had bought Golder and Toney out for \$980 and the night before had taken them to Philip.

After this time Maloney seemed to have plenty of money, while before this he had been broke. After this Maloney tried to sell several of the horses, and did dispose of three or four head. Last Monday morning Maloney left for the west, taking seven head of horses with him. The discovery of the bodies in the well Friday morning places the crime on Maloney.

The well is located about ten rods from where Maloney was camped. The circumstances all point to Maloney as the perpetrator of the foul deed. Instead of taking the men to Philip, he murdered them in cold blood and dumped the bodies into the well to cover up the crime, and after that had camped for over a week at the scene of the deed.

Robbery was the motive for the crime. Golder was known to have considerable money on his person, and when found his pockets had been rifled, leaving nothing whatever to identify him. J. T. Doty, of Kadoka, identified him as a party who did breaking for him near Kimball last year. A letter and a sale ticket from a Sioux City feed store identified the other man as W. D. Toney, 1617 Hamilton street. Marshal Wilfang started on the trail of the suspected murderer and captured him Friday evening at Cottonwood.

GUARDED BY OFFICERS.

Man Held for Murder of Father of Girl He Betrayed in Danger.

Charged with the murder of the father of the girl he is alleged to have betrayed, Clay Smith, aged 25 years, married, is held in the Muhlenberg, Ky., jail, guarded by a score of officers, as citizens have declared they will lynch him. In an adjoining cell, named as accessory to the murder, is Bessie Kimble, aged 15 years, whom Smith is said to have ill treated.

On the night of May 16 M. J. Kimble was shot and killed when in his bed. Later his daughter Bessie was seen to throw several packages into a pond. Officers recovered the packages and say they contain letters demonstrating Smith's guilt. The letters had been written by Smith, it is said, and told of the intimacy between Smith and the girl, of her condition and of his demand that she kill her father, as the latter would kill him when he learned the truth. The girl lacked the courage and Smith wrote, it is charged, that he would kill the father himself. Smith's wife is the girl's sister.

ELEVEN PERSONS DEAD.

Several Others Injured in Central Texas Storm.

Special dispatches show that eleven persons are dead and several injured as a result of the storm in central Texas Friday, including one man who was killed when a wind storm blew a Kansas City, Mexico and Orient railway passenger train from the Brazos river bridge, north of Sweet Water, Thursday night. Haskell and Lueders were places also damaged by the storm, which was accompanied by a fall of hail, destroying thousands of dollars worth crops and orchards.

In the wreck of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient train J. E. Stamford, a traveling salesman of Crowell, Tex., was killed and eleven persons were badly injured.

KILLED AGED COUPLE.

Michael Soboleski, of Toledo, Found Guilty of Murder.

Michael Soboleski, of Toledo, O., a sailor, who was charged with the murder of Ludwig and Augusta Krueger, was convicted Friday of murder in the first degree with a recommendation of mercy. The penalty is life imprisonment.

Soboleski was negotiating with the aged couple for the purchase of their farm and was alleged to have stabbed them to death. Krueger's signature to a land contract was pronounced a forgery. Soboleski was tried on the indictment of the murder of Ludwig Krueger. The bodies of the Kruegers were found April 2 under the cellar floor of their home, which had been destroyed by fire.

Bjornson Is Improving.

Bjornstjerne Bjornson, the Norwegian novelist, who has been seriously ill at Laurvik, is improving. He had a paralytic seizure on June 8, but neither his mind nor his speech was affected.

Collapse of a Bridge.

Three men were perhaps fatally injured Friday by the collapse of a bridge being erected over the Cimarron river near Guthrie, Okla.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

AFTER SPECIAL RATES.

Reduced Fares Will Be Made for Big Meetings in Omaha.

Ak-Sar-Ben and the National Corn exposition at Omaha probably will secure reduced rates this fall. The railroads already have decided to reduce rates for state fairs and now the directors of these large institutions are at work to secure them to the two largest gatherings in the west.

The Rock Island has announced rates of one and one-half fares to the Iowa and Nebraska state fairs and because of these concessions the board of governors of Ak-Sar-Ben and the directors of the Corn show hope to secure the same rates this fall. The dates of the Iowa state fair is August 26 to September 3 and the date of the Nebraska state fair is September 6 to September 10.

A year ago the railroads made an agreement not to give any more reduced rates in the west. Some roads first broke the agreement in regard to state fairs and then all finally gave rates to the fall attractions in Omaha.

When some time ago the roads announced that they would postpone the withholding of reduced rates for a year and would grant rates to state fairs the Omaha interests busied themselves and say they will be satisfied with nothing less than the rates other large attractions secure.

FARMERS KICK ON RANCHERS.

Morrill County Settlers Say Crops Are Being Destroyed.

Homesteaders of Morrill county have appealed to Gov. Shallenberger to save them from the ranchers whose cattle are destroying their crops. The governor received a letter signed by M. E. Honeycutt and twenty-three others, telling him that the cattle of one J. W. Boyle, of Mitchell had been running at large and had destroyed the crops or were destroying the crops of the homesteaders.

The letters stated that Mr. Boyle had been notified by the homesteaders of the damage his cattle were doing and that he had merely laughed at the petition sent him by the aggrieved farmers.

Some of the cattle are branded O. P. and some of them P. O., said the letter, and they were very vicious, so much so that a man was not safe on foot away from the house, and it was dangerous for women and children to go out at all.

The homesteaders are trying to hold down their claims until the government finishes the irrigation ditch out in that country, the letter said, but this would be impossible unless the state interfered and enforced the herd law.

HASTING IS AFTER PRO. TEAM.

Baseball Fans Raise Funds to Finance New Enterprise.

The movement for the organization of an independent professional baseball team for Hastings has proceeded far enough to make certain that a team will be formed to begin playing not later than the end of this month. George Harms, formerly of the Fond du Lac team in the Wisconsin-Illinois league, has been engaged as manager and he will at once begin the signing of players. At a meeting of fans in the city hall recently Charles Jacobs was elected president of the association in the place of J. D. Mines, who asked to be relieved. The appointment of Mr. Harms was ratified and a committee composed of Charles Vastine, Charles Jacobs and John Uerling was instructed to proceed at once with the raising of the necessary funds. A fund of \$12,000 will be raised to safeguard the financial side of the undertaking.

JURY HITS NORTHWESTERN.

Returns Verdict of \$20,000 for Widow of Dead Brakeman.

The jury in the case of Frank Hoffman, administrator of the estate of George V. Glover, returned a verdict against the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad company for \$20,000 in a suit brought again the railroad company for \$30,000 for the death of Glover, just tried in district court at O'Neill.

This case came from Dawes county. Glover was a brakeman working for the company, and about 2 o'clock on the morning of November 11, 1907, so the plaintiffs allege, started for his home from the railroad in Chadron and was struck by a train while crossing a railroad track, sustaining injuries from which he died the next day.

LOSES BOTH LEGS.

Death May End Pain of Section Hand Run Over by Train.

John Kukla, a section hand, was run over by a string of four cars at Columbus, Wednesday evening between 5 and 6 o'clock, and had both legs cut off below the knees and a portion of one hand cut off, besides other bruises. He was working near the roundhouse and did not notice the cars the switch engine had kicked on the track on which he was standing, and he was knocked down and the cars passed over him. Kukla is 60 years old and his injuries are such that little hope for his recovery is entertained.

Tanner Sells Fullerton Paper.

"Jim" Tanner, who has run a newspaper at Fullerton for more than twenty years, has sold the News-Journal to Henry Kellogg and Millard Binney, two residents of that town.

TIME TO GET OVER HIS WRATH.

Eighteen Months for the Man Who Burned His House.

Frank Crowell, of Seward, will have eighteen months in which to get over his mad spell and feel sorry that he tore up his wife's furniture and burned their house. This is the sentence Judge Good imposed upon him. Crowell is the man who in a fit of rage at his wife destroyed their furniture and set the house on fire. The couple had been separated.

WATER USERS IN A PROTEST.

Nebraskans Deplore Action of Mr. Ballinger.

At a meeting at Scott's Bluffs Tuesday of the North Platte Valley Water Users' association resolutions were adopted deploring what was declared to be the unwise policy adopted by Secretary of the Interior Ballinger in his attitude toward the co-operative irrigation and reclamation projects, and calling upon President Taft to interfere in behalf of the settlers of irrigation lands. The resolutions say in part:

"We express confidence in the general policy laid down by President Roosevelt and Secretary Garfield for the conduct of reclamation work. We believe the service to be generally free from serious errors, and we regard the attitude of the present administration by Secretary Ballinger as a serious menace to the welfare of this community, particularly with reference to those sections which are as yet unirrigated."

"We call upon all good citizens, and particularly upon our senators, representatives and public officials, to call the attention of President Taft to the mischievous interference with the reclamation work now going on, and to demand of him that the well considered service be given due consideration, and that the people of these projects concerned be consulted before material changes are made at the dictation of promoters and others who probably have neither knowledge of the requirements of the work nor concern for the public welfare."

TRAINED BOYS TO STEAL.

Youths Arrested for Brass Theft Implicate Two Junk Dealers.

Fines of \$100 and costs each were imposed upon two junk dealers, Rubin Kunkelstein and M. Meadow, in the Omaha police court Monday morning for unlawfully buying railroad brass. The metal consisted of parts of brass journal boxes which had been removed from Northwestern freight cars after they were jacked up.

Rolf Hansen, 20 years of age, and Mangus Jensen, 17, were arrested a week ago Sunday for the theft of the brass and when the circumstances in the case were discovered the prosecution was turned against the dealers who bought the stolen property, the boys being used as witnesses.

Finkelstein has a junk shop at 921 North Sixteenth street. Finkelstein is known to have been in similar trouble twice in Kansas City in 1906, being fined \$100 the first time and settling the case out of court the second time. When his Kansas City record was produced with a rouge's gallery photograph and Bertillon measurements he denied that he was the man in question, although the likeness, measurements and description fitted him.

The boys testified that the junk dealers told them to steal the metal and sell it to them. They did so every night for a week before being caught by the railway detectives.

Prominent Mason Hurt.

Jacob Sherer, master of the Mason lodge at Curtis, while on his way to South Omaha with stock was painfully injured at Greenwood. He was standing on the platform of the caboose when the emergency brakes were suddenly set, throwing him over the guard railing between the cars. A wound fully six inches long was cut in his head and he was badly bruised. His wounds are not considered dangerous.

Drowns Despite Boy Hero.

In spite of the efforts of a companion to save him Jacob Rayles, Jr., was drowned in Salt Creek near Greenwood, making the fourth fatality at that place in a few days. Rayles was with a number of boys who were bathing. He waded out beyond his depth and went down. Carl Stradley, a much younger boy than Rayles, almost lost his life in a heroic effort to save his companion.

Electric Plant for Ainsworth.

For some time prominent citizens of Ainsworth have figured on installing an electric light plant, and they have now completed arrangements and incorporated a company for this purpose. The final survey was made a few days ago on the site for the dam across Plum creek, fourteen miles northwest of Ainsworth.

Express Companies Except.

The express companies doing business in Nebraska, through their attorneys, C. J. Greene and Ralph Breckinridge, have filed exceptions to the findings of Referee Sullivan in the case wherein the state secured an injunction to prevent the corporations from violating the Sibley law.

Union Pacific Company Fined \$100.

The Union Pacific railroad company was found guilty in Judge Stewart's division of district court of having violated the state anti-pass law by issuing and giving to Dr. Frank A. Graham a free annual pass over its lines for the year 1908 and was fined \$100 and costs. The jury was out but a few minutes.

Dragged to Death.

Bryan Doyle, aged 14 years, son of Daniel Doyle, of Box Elder, was dragged and kicked to death after having been thrown from his horse, his foot having caught in the stirrup. He was returning home from church.

Judge Reese Going Abroad.

Chief Justice Reese, of the supreme court, left Wednesday for a European trip, to be gone for at least three months. The court met Tuesday afternoon and selected Judge Barnes to be the chief justice during the absence of Judge Reese.

Struck by Lightning.

During an electric storm lightning struck the barn of the Shepherd farm near Greenwood, and it burned to the ground. The loss is covered by insurance.

WHOLE NATION PAYS HOMAGE TO WRIGHTS

Aviators in Washington Receive Aero Club Medals from President Taft.

THOUSANDS ATTEND CEREMONY

Governors Send Laudatory Messages Which Are to Be Given to the "Conquerors of the Air."

The achievement of man-flight, for which men have striven for more than 4,000 years, was celebrated in Washington Thursday. After receiving homage from the rulers of Europe, Wilbur and Orville Wright, of Dayton, Ohio, on that day received their first public recognition by their fellow countrymen. In the east room of the White House President Taft presented to the inventors the gold medals awarded to them by the Aero Club of America to commemorate the invention of the first successful flying machine.

The event was one of national interest. The governors of the various States sent laudatory messages congratulating the Wrights on their success. These, together with the resolutions adopted by the numerous scientific organizations and letters written by prominent scientists, have been put in book form and will be presented to the Wrights.

The Wright brothers, after being entertained at luncheon by the Aero Club of Washington, proceeded to the White House. They were presented to the President by Representative Herbert Parsons of New York, who told of their great achievements. In presenting the medals, President Taft spoke briefly. More than 1,000 invitations had been sent out for the White House ceremony.

At its annual meeting last year the Aero Club of America, the pioneer aviation club in the United States, elected the Wrights to honorary membership and decided to award to each a gold medal. These were procured at a cost of \$2,300, obtained through the subscriptions of its members. The medals bear the likenesses of the two brothers on one side and an inscription on the reverse side.

Wilbur and Orville Wright, accompanied by their sister, Miss Katherine Wright, were met at the station by a delegation from the Aero Club of America. The Wright brothers were taken to the Cosmos Club, where they were entertained.

300 CANAL IS WRECKED.

Three Ships and Many Lives Are Endangered by Accident.

With all the weight of Lake Superior behind it, an ungoverned torrent of water now rushes through the \$4,000,000 Canadian canal built to carry vessels around the impassable rapids of the Saint Mary's River at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. The entire fall of approximately twenty feet is concentrated in the lock which was wrecked Wednesday when the steamer Perry G. Walker of the Gilchrist fleet rammed her bow through the lower gate.

The upper gates were open when the Walker crushed open the lower gates and the tremendous power of the rapids was given instant play. The steamer Assiniboia, a big Canadian Pacific passenger liner, moored within the lock chamber, was torn away from her moorings. Riding on the crest of the flood, she jammed the Walker from her path, the Assiniboia's port anchor ripping a hole in the Walker's side. The liner's engine crew put on full steam ahead in a desperate endeavor to give the big vessel steerage-way, and, with her wheelmen battling to overcome the swirling currents, the Assiniboia swept into the open reaches of the river below. The Assiniboia's cargo shifted, and this gave her a considerable list, and several plates on her port side forward of amidships were loosened. The Walker was whirled around several times, and finally landed on a shoal out of the channel. It is said she is undamaged below the water line.

The ore-laden steamer Crescent City of the Pittsburgh Steamship Company, which was just entering the locks from Lake Superior when the accident occurred, was swept downstream like a feather. She overtook the Assiniboia and struck the latter two glancing blows after having a great hole torn in her side as she swept past the broken lower gate. Tugs caught her and towed her to the American side, where she settled to the bottom. Both the upper gates of the lock and one lower gate were wrenched from their moorings. The other lower gate still hangs to its fastenings, twisted and broken.

The loss to the Canadian government will probably reach \$250,000 and the damage to the Crescent City is estimated at \$100,000. The damage to the steamers Walker and Assiniboia was comparatively light. Captain Mosher of the steamer Walker declares that the accident was caused by his engineer making a mistake and throwing his lever to "full speed ahead" on the captain's signal to "back up."